

Loren Joseph Vachon

DELAWARE, Ohio — Loren Joseph Vachon, 78, of Delaware, Ohio, died peacefully surrounded by his family Friday, Aug. 2, 2013, in Delaware.

He was born May 5, 1935, in Benton Harbor to the late Noah Henry and Analda Marie (Trembly) Vachon. Growing up on the shores of Lake Michigan, he loved the lake and the St. Joseph lighthouse. It was while he was a lifeguard on those waters that he met the love of his life, Shirley Jean Longacre. Together they had been happily married for 56 years.

Loren graduated from St. John High School in 1953. He earned an associate of arts degree from Lake Shore Junior College in 1955. For over 45 years he worked in manufacturing as an engineer and administrator. He met his goal of obtaining a bachelor of sci-

ence degree in business administration from Franklin University in 1978. He continued his education, completing classes towards his master's degree.

He was a devout Catholic; his faith giving his life meaning, purpose and guidance. He was a lifelong member of the Catholic Church; most recently St. Mary Church in Delaware.

Passionate about his family history, he had been researching his genealogy for nearly 50 years. Just in the past two months, he fulfilled his dream of locating the origins of his family in La Copechagniere, France.

Loren was a dedicated provider for his family; always working harder and making the most of his career. During that time, he never lost sight of his top priority, his family. With a good sense of humor, he also enjoyed fishing and working around his home. Throughout his travels, his heart remained in Michigan.

He leaves a legacy of love for his family as a devoted husband, father and grandfather which he demonstrated every day in thought, word and deed. He will be remembered for his lessons on how to live a good life; being true to family, self and God.

Those left to cherish his memory include: his beloved wife, Shirley; children: Robin (Robert) Vachon-Kraut of Columbus; Mark (Lisa) Vachon of Columbus; Lisa (Scott) Early of Delaware; seven grandchildren: Ian (Lindsay) Kraut and Emily Kraut; Lindsay and Matthieu Vachon; Rian and Aron Early; Josh (Tabbi) Early; sister, Marie Zelvis of St. Joseph.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Lawrence; and sister, Laurel Finehout.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the DeVore-Snyder Funeral Home, 75 W. William St., Delaware, Ohio, where services will follow at 8 p.m. Graveside services will be observed privately by his family on Tuesday in Oak Grove Cemetery. Memorial services for Michigan family and friends will also be held in Michigan at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware, Ohio 43015, or the Delaware County Genealogical Society, 84 E. Winter St., Delaware, Ohio 43015.

Condolences may be expressed at www.snyderfuneralhomes.com.